



Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting October 11, 2012

PRESENT:

John Andoh, YCIPTA, Group 2
Mario Avalos, Helena Chemical Corporation, Group 5
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5
Jeff Denman, citizen at large, Group 4
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Group 1
Manuel Hernandez, City of Yuma Utilities Department, Group 2
Marc Holyfield, Arizona Western College, Group 2
Chief Jack McArthur, representing Mayor Al Krieger, Alternate Group 1
Chief Jeff Philpot, Wellton Department of Public Safety, Group 2
Gretchen Robinson, Emergency Management Director, Group 2
Noel Robles, Shaw Inc., Group 2
Andretta Schellinger, Red Cross, Group 2
Lt. Darren Simmons, Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Alternate for Sheriff Ogden
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Health, Group 2
Denise Whisman, Ferrell Gas, Group 5
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Police Department, Group 2

ABSENT:

Chief Gary August, Rural Metro, Group 2
Robert Barocio, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2
Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2
Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2
Mark Hutsell, Vice Chair, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2
Michael Kemp, Driscoll's, Group 5
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5
Maria (Patti) Michael, Winfield Solutions, Group 5
Chris Nossaman, Sun Country Restoration, Group 5
Lester Pate, Arizona Public Service, Group 5

Warren Quirk, Excel Group / WORC Center, Group 5
Rick Reyes, Sellers Petroleum. Group 5
Major Joseph Roerink, AZ Department of Corrections, Group 2
Charles Ruerup, DPW at Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 5
Ema Lea Shoop, citizen at large, Group 4
David Slade, Yuma Cogeneration Associates, Group 5
Phil Smithers, Arizona Public Service, Group 5
Neil Sparks, RSC Rental, Group 5

A quorum of 17 persons was present with a minimum of 3 groups represented, Group 1, Group 2, Group 4 and Group 5.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Marc Holyfield called the meeting to order at 0904 hours in the Main Library Conference Room C at 2951 S. 21st Drive, Yuma AZ on 11 October 2012.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Members and guests present introduced themselves. Guests present included

Angela Basurto, Deputy Warden of Operations, Arizona Department of Corrections
Ken Hewett, former LEPC member, Arizona Department of Corrections
Phil Hillesheim, Bureau of Reclamation
Larry Mann, General Manager, Desert Depot
Eliseo Rivera, former LEPC member, Yuma Proving Grounds
Greg Root, Security Officer, Yuma Proving Grounds
Benjamin Wilson, citizen at large

3. MINUTES:

Upon motion of Jeff Denman with second by Andretta Schellinger, the minutes of the meeting held 9 August 2012 were approved as distributed. Motion carried.

4. TEN MINUTE TRAINING:

Gretchen presented the prototype of the training booklet for LEPC members. This booklet would include the APEX training information, the committee bylaws, roster of members and ESF 10 of both the County Emergency Operations Plan and the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan. All members asked for the information to be placed on CD.

5. GRANT STATUS:

Gretchen announced that she had submitted an application in the amount of \$5,000 for the HMEP competitive portion of the program to fund Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days. She also submitted a non-competitive request for the \$1,500 allocation.

6. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

6a: Approval of Renewals

Gretchen stated that she had made contact with all applicants for renewal who indicated they were interested in renewing their application to LEPC. She did not receive a response from Mr. Nossaman and stated that he had not attended a meeting yet this year. Upon motion by Chief Jack McArthur, with second by Mario Avalos, the following memberships with the exception of Chris Nossaman, were renewed. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Beeler, MCAS, Group 2
Michael Callahan, Gowan, Group 5
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Earl Hamilton, MCAS, Group 2
Chris Nossaman, Sun Country Restoration, Group 5

Gretchen was asked to notify Mr. Nossaman that his application had not been renewed at this time but would be again considered should he seek reinstatement.

6b: Approval of Designated Alternate

Sheriff Ogden had requested that Lt. Darren Simmons of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office be his designated alternate. Upon motion of Greg Ferguson with second by Michael Erfert, the motion carried.

6c: Introduction of potential members

No potential members identified themselves at this time.

6d: Approval of Resignation

There were no resignations to be acted upon at this time.

Gretchen stated she would complete all Notices of LEPC Appointment or Resignation and provide to AZSERC for formal adoption.

7. New Business

7a: Discussion and possible action regarding local incidents.

Gretchen reported she had not received any notifications from NRC for incidents in Yuma County. Manny Hernandez talked briefly about the accidental overfill by a contractor at the City Lift Station.

8. Old Business

8a: Lower Colorado River Plan

Gretchen Robinson indicated that a meeting had been held in Yuma to discuss dispatching procedures for inclusion in the draft of the Lower Colorado River Plan.

8b: Type III Incident Management Team

Chief McArthur reported that the City of Yuma had successfully completed training of about 30 individuals for Planning Section Chief, Operations Section Chief, Safety Officer and Operations Section Chief and Incident Commander.

8c: Update on the New World data project

Chief McArthur reported on the continued progress to load information into the New World system as it comes on line in January 2013. Chief McArthur reminded individuals that if they had information to be included, please send him an e-mail at jack.mcarthur@yumaaz.gov

8d: Household Hazardous Waste collection

Manny reported that Saturday, October 13, 2012 was the last household hazardous waste collection event of the year for the City of Yuma.

9. Chair Status Report

Chairman Mark Holyfield thanked those that attended the APEX training, very informative.

10. Public Comment on the LEPC Emergency Response Plan

Gretchen reported she had received no comments from the public regarding the LEPC Emergency Response Plan and no comments were received at the meeting. Gretchen stated that the communication section of the plan had been re-written and re-submitted to AZSERC. The plan was now in full compliance

11. Good of the Order/Announcements

Deputy Warden Angela Basurto announced that the Arizona Department of Corrections would be hosting an exercise in June 2013 and invited the LEPC or its member agencies to participate. More information to follow. She stated that Major Roerink had retired and his replacement would be making application to the LEPC soon.

Larry Mann introduced himself and stated he was the new General Manager of Desert Depot. He was looking to be an active participant in the community.

Ben Wilson introduced himself. He is retiring from the US Marine Corps this summer, holds a degree in Homeland Security, Disaster and Emergency Management. Finishing up a Masters in Administration: Public Management. Very interested in LEPC and the Yuma Community.

Mike Erfert announced that the Yuma Fire Officers Association was doing a take-over in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month at Brewers today from 1100 to 2300 hours.

Andretta Schellinger of Red Cross stated they would be holding a mock shelter exercise in November, more information to follow.

Michelle Smith from the Health Department stated that she would be applying for a small FEMA grant to encourage community resiliency and hoped to target disenfranchised populations such as recovering women and children, families, or re-entry programs.

Lt. Darren Simmons thanked the LEPC for his appointment as an alternate and reminded members that the Sheriff's retirement event is scheduled for November 10th; please contact Lisa Rice at YCSO if interested. Lisa.rice@ycso.yumacountyaz.gov

12. Call to the Public

No one from the public was available to answer the call.

12. Adjourn

Upon motion by Mike Erfert with second by Marc Holyfield, and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1005 hours.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2012 and would be back at the Board of Supervisors Auditorium, 198 S. Main Street, Yuma at 0900 hours.

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